

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 388 without my signature.

I vetoed a nearly identical bill last year, AB 2455 (Canciamilla). The veto message remains applicable.

However, a study by the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) may provide valuable information for strategies to reduce the rising costs of textbooks and other instructional materials. Since legislation is not required for the SPI to recommend ways to reduce instructional materials costs for school districts, I encourage Superintendent O'Connell to provide any applicable information that could potentially yield recommendation for school districts, legislators, the State Board of Education, and the Administration. Until that time, it is premature to enact any substantive policy changes to the adoption process.

Therefore, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger